

Meet Abraham Brody. . .

Abraham Brody is a PhD student at the University of California- San Francisco. Because of the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) and Advanced Education Nursing (AEN) Traineeship funds, Abraham will be able to finish his PhD in just four years. The funds have allowed him to work less and continue to successfully study and take classes. Once he finishes his PhD, Abraham hopes to be a part of the solution to the nursing and nurse faculty shortages. He would like to use his knowledge to teach the next generation of nursing students. Given the high demand for PhD educated professors, Abraham will quickly secure a faculty position.



“Without these awards I would have had to work more hours, devote less time to studying, and thus take longer to graduate.”

About the Programs

- The Title VIII Nursing Education grants provide a federal focus to the supply and distribution of qualified nurses.
- The Title VIII Nurse Faculty Loan Program increases the number of qualified nursing faculty by creating a student loan fund within individual schools of nursing.
- Students must agree to teach at a school of nursing in exchange for cancellation of up to 85% of their educational loans, plus interest, over a four-year period. In FY 2008, the NFLP supported the education of 729 future nurse educators.
- The AEN Traineeships assist graduate nursing students by providing full or partial support for the costs of tuition, books, fees, and reasonable living expenses.
- Funding for the AEN Traineeships supports the education of future nurse faculty and nurse practitioners, who provide primary care to thousands of Americans. In FY 2008, 7,650 students were supported.

The Effect of Funding Cuts. . .

- Our country is facing a critical shortage of nurse faculty which inhibits the ability to educate more nurses. It is imperative that nurses pursuing their graduate degrees be supported so that the crippling national nursing shortage can be reversed.
- Without adequate Title VIII funding for these programs, nurses pursuing the advanced education necessary to become professors and primary care providers will face greater barriers in completing their degrees on time.
- Cutting funding for the NFLP would unfortunately result in fewer nursing professors entering the already sparse workforce.
- Reducing funding for the AEN Traineeships would diminish the ability of nurses to meet America’s needs for primary care providers.



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